IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
)	
V.)	CR. NO. 2:07cr089-MH7
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SAUL HERNANDEZ-CORTEZ)	

UNITED STATES' MOTION FOR DOWNWARD DEPARTURE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY

Comes now the United States of America, by and through Leura G. Canary, United States Attorney for the Middle District of Alabama, and respectfully moves this Court to reduce by one (1) level Defendant's offense level based on his acceptance of responsibility. As grounds for this Motion, the United States avers as follows:

- 1. On May 9, 2007, the United States filed a one-count indictment against the defendant.
- 2. Defendant notified the United States of his intent to plead guilty to the indictment sufficiently early to permit the United States to avoid preparing for trial and to allocate its resources efficiently. Defendant pled guilty on June 21, 2007.
- 3. Therefore, pursuant to United States Sentencing Guidelines § 3E1.1(b), as amended, the United States makes this formal motion for a one-level reduction in Defendant's offense level for acceptance of responsibility such that the total reduction in offense level for Defendant's acceptance of responsibility shall be three (3) levels.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Motion be GRANTED and that the Court reduce Defendant's offense level by one level for his acceptance of responsibility.

Respectfully submitted this the 14th day of September, 2007.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on September 14, 2007, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following: Jennifer Hart.

Respectfully submitted,

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